Mr. Bale SIDDALINGA SETTY.—Are the Government aware that many are dying of malaria in the said taluks?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—The seriousness of the situation in the area has been referred to in my Opening Address. The question of bringing it under control is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. M. SUBBIAH.—Will lands be acquired to provide sites for the people whose lands have been submerged with a view to enabling them to build houses?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—That does not arise out of the main question.

Electrification of Nangli and Byrakur Villages.

Q.—154. **Mr. P. V. NARAYANA GOWDA** (Mulbagal—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when and how many times the estimates for the electrification of Nangli and Byrakur villages of Mulbagal Taluk had been prepared;

(*b*) the expected percentage of profit according to this estimate;

(*c*) the reason for not sanctioning this estimate till now;

(*d*) why is it that instead of executing the works according to the or ginally sanctioned estimate, the estimate recently prepared was given effect to;

(*e*) the reason for non-sanction of the estimate prepared for Nangli and Byrakur;

(*f*) whether they will at least now sanction this estimate and see to the electrification of Nangli and Byrakur villages?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).**—

(*a*) In 1939—twice.

(*b*) There is no profit in prospect. On the other hand the scheme will result in a loss of about 4 per cent on the capital cost.

(*c*) On account of its unremunerative character.

(*d*) Does not arise as no estimate has been sanctioned by Government.

(*e*) *Vide* reply to (*c*) above.

(*f*) The question will be examined again.

Mr. P. V. NARAYANA GOWDA.—Was no estimate prepared before 1939?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—No.

Mr. P. V. NARAYANA GOWDA.—May I know why two estimates were prepared in 1939?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—The first estimate required revision in certain respects and hence a second estimate was prepared.

Mr. P. V. NARAYANA GOWDA.—What was the amount of the first estimate?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Rs. 24,784.

Mr. P. V. NARAYANA GOWDA.—What was the revenue expected to be derived from the scheme?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Rs. 2,543.

Mr. P. V. NARAYANA GOWDA.—What was the amount of the second estimate?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Rs. 29,000.

Mr. P. V. NARAYANA GOWDA.—May I know the basis on which the scheme is considered unremunerative?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Taking into consideration the cost of maintenance, establishment charges, provision for depreciation, interest on capital investment, etc., the scheme is found to be unremunerative.

Mr. P. V. NARAYANA GOWDA.—Are all the above items taken into consideration usually in the estimates for other similar schemes?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Yes.

Mr. P. V. NARAYANA GOWDA.—What is the return expected from electrical schemes generally?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Generally 10 per cent. But that is not insisted upon in all cases. In the present case, providing for interest on capital, depreciation, establishment charges, etc., not even 4 per cent return can be expected.

Mr. P. V. NARAYANA GOWDA.—Will the estimate be sanctioned in the near future?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—I cannot say that. But I can say that the question will be examined again.

Mr. H. KRISHNAMURTHYACHAR.—Have the concerned local bodies been

asked to give the guarantee of return and if so, have they given the guarantee?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—No guarantee has been asked for. The estimate itself has not been sanctioned. We have simply asked for a load survey being made and that has been done.

Mr. H. KRISHNAMURTHYACHAR.—Has not the Deputy Commissioner taken *mutchalikas* from the concerned local bodies agreeing to give the guarantee?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Government have not received any information on that point.

Mr. H. KRISHNAMURTHYACHAR.—Are the Government aware that His Highness the late Maharaja, on the occasion of his visit to Kolar in connection with the electrification of the town, was pleased to say that he would like to see lights provided in all the villages?

The MINISTER for LAW (Rajasevaprasakta A. V. Ramanathan).—Even now the Government have that object before them. But it is not practicable to take such schemes on hand at present. So far as the present question is concerned, the member knows that on account of the war the necessary electrical materials are not available. So there is no use of pursuing questions on the matter.

Mr. H. KRISHNAMURTHYACHAR.—Cannot the materials be manufactured locally?

Mr. A. V. RAMANATHAN.—Copper wire, etc., cannot be manufactured locally.

Mr. H. KRISHNAMURTHYACHAR.—Are not Government supplying electricity to other places when the anticipated return is even less?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—It has been the idea of Government to give lights to as many places as possible without particular reference to the adequacy of the return from the schemes. But, if necessary materials are not available, what can be done?

Mr. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Is the return of 10 per cent, that is expected, gross or net?

Mr A. V. RAMANATHAN.—Ordinarily a gross return of 10 per cent is expected. But if long distances are involved and the working expenses themselves come to a high figure, at least those expenses have to be covered. These are the general principles governing the sanction of electrical schemes. But just now, on account of the war, the necessary materials are not available. In the circumstances, nothing can be done in the matter for some time to come.

Remission of Wet Assessment on Lands below Kempanapura Tank.

Q.—155. **Mr. M. CHIKKALINGAPPA** (Chamarajnagar—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many acres of wet and garden lands are irrigated by the water of the Kempanapura tank in Chamarajnagar taluk;

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that this tank is in a dilapidated condition for over a period of 23 years and that no crop (wet) is being grown;

(*c*) the number of applications received by the Government to set right this tank and whether it is not a fact that land revenue at wet rates is collected though the tank does not supply the water necessary for wet crops;

(*d*) whether they are aware of any promise given by them to the villagers to set right the tank;

(*e*) whether they will be pleased to order remission of the wet rate till the tank is repaired and made useful to those who hold land in that *atchkat* and also order the refund of the excess of wet rate collected till to-day?

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Rajasevaprasakta B. T. Kesaviengar).**—

(*a*) The *atchkat* under the tank is 141 *acres* and 18 *guntas*.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The number of petitions received cannot be easily ascertained. Remission of half wet assessment on the *atchkat* lands is being granted every year since 1935-36.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Remission will be granted under the rules.

Mr. M. CHIKKALINGAPPA.—Is it not possible to restore the tank?